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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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13 RICHARD D. EMMERSON and M.
14 HELEN EMMERSON,

15 Plaintiffs,

16 v.

17 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

18 Defendant.

CASE NO. 08-CV-1439 W (WMc)

**ORDER (1) GRANTING EX PARTE
APPLICATION TO FILE
REDACTED COMPLAINT [DOC.
NO. 4] AND (2) SEALING
ORIGINAL COMPLAINT [DOC.
NO. 1]**

19 On August 8, 2008, Plaintiffs filed this lawsuit to recover certain federal taxes
20 payments. The original complaint includes exhibits containing social security numbers.
21 Plaintiffs, therefore, seek an order sealing the original complaint and allowing them to
22 file a redacted copy of the complaint.

23 General Order No. 514 for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of
24 California requires counsel or parties to remove or redact personal information,
25 including social security numbers, from all pleadings and exhibits filed with the District
26 Court. General Order 514-C further provides,

27 . . . a party seeking to file a document containing the personal data
28 identifiers. . . may file an unredacted document under seal. This document

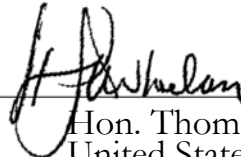
1 shall be retained by the court as part of the record. The court may,
2 however, still require the party to file a redacted copy for the public file.

3 Based on the foregoing, the Court **GRANTS** Plaintiffs' ex parte application, and
4 **ORDERS** as follows:

- 5 1. Plaintiffs' complaint (Doc. No. 1) is hereby **ORDERED** sealed.
- 6 2. Plaintiffs shall file a redacted copy of the complaint on or before August
7 29, 2008. The redacted copy shall include the same title as the original
8 complaint, except that the title shall indicate that the document is
9 redacted.

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11 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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13 DATED: August 22, 2008

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16 Hon. Thomas J. Whelan
17 United States District Judge
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